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## B.C.C. Summer Session Approved by B.of H.E.

At its February 20 meeting, the Board of Higher Education approved plans for a summer session at Bronx Community College.

According to Dr. Henry F. White, Director of the Summer Session, registration for the summer classes will be held at the college on the evenings of June 19, 20 and 21. Classes will meet daily, Monday through Thursday in the morning, afternoon and evening. Sessions will begin Monday, June 26 and will terminate on Friday, August 4.

A schedule of summer session offerings is now being prepared and will be published in full in the next issue of the *Communicator*. Students interested in attending this session are requested to direct their inquiries to Dr. White.

## Chancellor John R. Everett Came, Saw and Conquered

The Chancellor of the New York Municipal Colleges, Dr. John R. Everett, spent a day at the college toward the end of last semester. His visit enabled the faculty and students to get to know their new Chancellor better, and it also gave Dr. Everett an opportunity to become familiar with the college, students, faculty and administration.

Greeted by President Meister and Dean Tauber, the chancellor was conducted on a tour of the building and was presented to students and faculty. President and Mrs. Meister, the President's Cabinet, the Chancellor and invited guests convened for lunch, at which the President, the Dean and the Chancellor spoke briefly.

### Off-Campus Sites

Afterwards, the group visited the off-campus site of the Evening Session, the new Bronx High School of Science, as well as the proposed site for a new BCC campus.

The Chancellor later arrived at the temporary Day Session facilities of the college, the Bronx Union YMCA, where he visited three classes in session, and was again greeted by students and faculty. In his remarks, the Chancellor pointed out that his

audience had "... a great opportunity to build, create and pioneer."

A reception at the Concourse Plaza was then held for the Chancellor. There he was greeted by the faculty and students, was welcomed by Arthur Landes, President of the Student Council; Mrs. Sallie Sypher, Chairman of the Faculty Association; Controller Lawrence Gerosa; Mr. Joseph Callow, Assistant to Borough President Lyons; Mr. George Busher, Chairman of the Advisory Committee of the Bronx Community College; and Mr. Renato J. Azzari, Vice-chairman of the Bronx Community College Committee of the Board of Higher Education.

### College Responsibility

Dr. Everett then addressed the group, stressing "... the tremendous value of a college education in these times and in the days ahead. Self-education is possible, but a college education is a short-cut to all the knowledge of the Western World. In matters of defense, in matters of our economy, America desperately needs a trained group of men and women; this training is the responsibility of the colleges of America."

## First Graduating Class January '61 Creates College's Newest Tradition

Dr. Morris Meister, President of the Bronx Community College, presided at the First Commencement Exercises of the College, held on Thursday evening, January 26, 1961, at the Little Theatre, Hunter College, Bronx Campus. Though June is usually commencement month, the college's first students were admitted in February 1959, although the physical plant was not then available. Hunter College made space available at its Park Avenue campus until the middle of March, 1959, when the college moved into its present building on East 184th Street.

Appropriately enough, the first commencement exercises were held on the Hunter College campus. A modernization of the Bronx Community College campus started on October 20 and is still going on, necessitating two off-campus centers.

The first graduating class had a peripatetic education in the Aristotelian tradition and thrived on austerity. The recent graduates  
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## College Cabinet Awards Scrolls

Dr. Morris Meister, President of Bronx Community College, Mrs. Morris Meister, and the Honorable Ruth S. Shoup, Chairman of the Bronx Community College Administrative Committee and Secretary to the Board of Higher Education, were honored guests of the faculty and staff at a party held at the Concourse Plaza.

Joining the faculty and staff in their accolades were members of the Board of Higher Education and many community leaders. Dr. Meister's "Cabinet," consisting of the Dean, the heads of the various departments and curricula, the Registrar, the Director of the Evening Session, the Fiscal Officer and faculty representatives, presented beautifully embossed scrolls to the honored guests. The scrolls read:

### Lifetime Tenure

To President and Mrs. Morris Meister: The President's cabinet of the Bronx Community College are honored to tender you our accolade, esteem and affection. By virtue of the fact that no power is invested in us to confer formal office upon you, we must act on the promptings of our own hearts.

You have graciously and generously fulfilled the obligations of President and First Lady and made us your debtors in getting to know you, in enjoying our work with you, and in sharing the joys of your creative achievements.

Your gentle ways and the genius of your educational leadership have inspired us in building our college.

We herewith confer upon both of you lifetime tenure as friends, colleagues, and fellow-workers in the "vineyard."

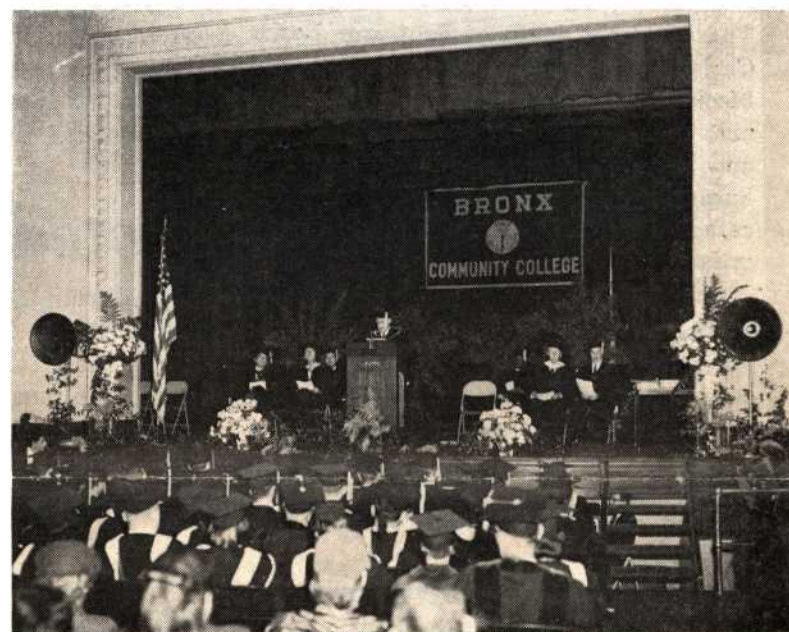
### Unstinting Service

To the Honorable Ruth S. Shoup, Chairman of the Bronx Community College Administrative Committee and Secretary to the Board of Higher Education: On the occasion of the 25th Anniversary of your service to the people of the City of New York, the Cabinet of the Bronx Community College would like to express our appreciation, admiration and affection.

Your unstinting service in elevating standards and in broadening opportunities in higher education have won the respect of your colleagues everywhere.

We acknowledge, also, our debt to your family who have sacrificed so much in our behalf.

We tender you our deep respect, gratitude and devotion.



**PRESIDENT MEISTER OFFICIATES AT COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES.** Flanking the President, left to right, are Renato J. Azzari, Dean Paul Orvis, Rabbi Samuel Penner, Rev. Edler G. Hawkins, Hon. Arleigh B. Williamson, Dean Abraham Tauber. Not shown: Hon. Ruth S. Shoup, the Most Rev. Joseph M. Pernicone.

## College Guidance Brochure: United Local School Boards Sponsors Faculty Venture

Dr. Morris Meister, President of Bronx Community College, is heading a Faculty Committee to prepare a College Guidance Brochure to encourage and counsel high school seniors in the best use of higher educational resources of our city, state and nation.

The free distribution of this brochure to students in the public, private and parochial secondary schools will be made possible on the basis of a successful scholarship fund campaign, which is being sponsored by the United Local School Boards of the Bronx.

### Race for Survival

In a letter distributed to thousands of business organizations, fraternal orders and prominent community members, Mrs. Sadye S. Reiss, president of the United Local School Boards of the Bronx, said: "We are certain that you will agree that in the race for survival between our free society and its totalitarian enemies, our young men and women are our most precious asset. To deny higher education possibilities to young people because they cannot afford a college education is

to waste our most important 'national resource.' There are scores of young people in our community endowed with aptitudes for higher education who can't afford higher education, because of tuition, book costs and other incidental fees."

Although Governor Rockefeller's new scholarship program will assist many students with their financial obligations, the aim of the Scholarship Fund is to assure realization of their higher education ambition to the many promising students for whom even the modest tuition fee at the publicly supported Bronx Community College constitutes a hardship or a bar.

### Brochure Copies

Copies of the College Guidance Brochure will be made available for distribution by subscribers to the scholarship fund. They will also be distributed at the annual dinner of the United Local School Boards to be held at the Concourse Plaza Hotel on May 23, 1961.

The brochure will acknowledge support of organizations or individuals.



**FRIENDS, BRONXITES, COUNTRYMEN: LEND ME YOUR EARS.** Chancellor Everett, Professor Daniel S. McGrath Jr., and Dean Abraham Tauber chat in the soon-to-be redecorated college halls.



## First Alumni

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will be welcome as alumni on the renovated campus, expected to be completed in the fall.

The order of the commencement program was as follows: President Morris Meister, presiding; an academic procession, with the faculty in full academic regalia; the national anthem; an invocation, delivered by the Most Reverend Joseph M. Pernicone, D.D., Auxiliary Bishop of New York; greetings by the Honorable Ruth S. Shoup, Secretary of the Board of Higher Education and Chairman of the Bronx Community College Administrative Committee; a musical interlude, played by the Hunter College Symphony Orchestra, Professor Alexander Bernyk, conducting; an address: "Aesthetic Illiteracy," delivered by the Honorable Arleigh B. Williamson, Member of the Board of Higher Education; a prayer, led by the Reverend Edler G. Hawkins, Vice-Moderator, United Presbyterian Church, U.S.A.; the presentation of the graduates by Dr. Abraham Tauber, Dean of the College; the conferral of academic degrees by President Morris Meister; the award of prizes by Dean Paul Orvis, Executive Dean for Community Colleges, State University of New York; the administration of a modern Ephebic oath, by Renato J. Azzari, Member of the Board of Higher Education; the alma mater; the benediction, delivered by Rabbi Samuel Penner, Jacob H. Schiff Center; and the recessional.

### Honor Students

Awards and prizes were granted to the following graduates: To the students ranking highest in scholarship, awarded by faculty members of Phi Beta Kappa: Liberal Arts and Sciences Curriculum - Edward Knobloch, Technology Curriculum - Tilton Weinstein; to the student who best exemplifies integrity of character, service to the college community, and scholarship, awarded by the Annette Goldenberg Memorial Committee - Herbert Lewis; to the student who best represents the qualities and virtues of good human relations, awarded by the Parkchester Lodge, B'nai B'rith - Marcia Zweibach; departmental awards for excellence in scholarship; Business and Commerce - Wayne Ramstedt, Electrical Technology - Tilton Weinstein; English and Speech - Edward Knobloch; Health Education - Carol Nadler; Pre-Engineering - Samuel Wu; Social Studies - Edward Knobloch.

### First Graduates

The twenty-nine candidates for degrees, class of January 1961, were as follows: ASSOCIATE IN ARTS: Liberal Arts and Science - Ronald G. Backman, Jerome S. Bodkin, Philip A. Cohen, Stanley Eisenstein, Sondra R. Forman, Edward C. Knobloch, Herbert D. Lewis, Madeleine H. Miller, Carol A. Nadler, Jacqueline Reid, Susan G. Scher, Stanley B. M. Weichholz, Patricia M. Ziller, Marcia B. Zweibach; Pre-Engineering - Jeffrey B. Berman, Gustave Egert, William R. Gailing, Paul Levine, Daniel Ng, George Renner, Gerald J. Robinson, Samuel Wu; ASSOCIATE IN APPLIED SCIENCE: Business and Commerce-Jack Barry, Sheila R. Levine, Conchita R. Mejia, Wayne F. Ramstedt, Rita Starr; Electrical Technology - Martin J. Burger, Tilton Weinstein.

## Bowling Team Is On The Ball

by George Dolinsky and Barbara Kostroff

The history of the bowling team dates back to last semester when the present captain of the team, George Dolinsky, realized the need for a bowling squad at the college. After securing the services of Mr. Peter Caffrey, Department of English and Speech, as Faculty Advisor, Dolinsky started the ball rolling by recruiting team members. The campaign got off to a slow start, but with the volunteering of his services by John Kescki, things picked up rapidly. After posting several notices, applications started to come in to the co-organizers. Presently those participating total 14 active and 5 or 6 supporting members.

### Joining the Team

Various practices are held, and special arrangements for reduced prices have been made at University Lanes, 2468 Jerome Avenue. If you are interested in joining the team, submit your name to any official of the team or attend any of the practice sessions, notices of which are posted well in advance on the bulletin board on the east wall of the college entrance.

The team membership is as follows: George Dolinsky, Captain. John Kesecki, Secretary; Norman Levine, Treasurer; Herb Leshay, Ted Lachman, Al Sepa, Jerry Lefler, Julius Simon, Steve Stolper, Tom Fagan, Sheldon Gootblatt, and Elaine Zweifler.

The team went down to its first defeat of the season in a match with the Fashion Institute of Technology, losing two out of three games; New York Community College was knocked off its pins when our own team won three out of three games; and in a re-match with F.I.T. our squad regained its prestige by taking two out of three games.

### Erzahl Mir Was?

Jedes deutsche Kind muss zur Schule gehen, wenn es sechs Jahre alt wird. Die meisten gehen zur Volksschule, doch gibt es auch Privatschulen. Der Lehrgang dauert acht Jahre, so dass ein Kind mit vierzehn Jahren aus der Schule kommt. Nur ein kleiner Teil besucht die höheren Schulen.

In Deutschland gibt es kein colleges; es gibt nur die Universität. Hier spezialisiert sich der Student; er studiert zum Beispiel Philosophie, Medizin, Jurisprudenz oder Theologie.

### Bier and Wein

In Deutschland hat die Universität kein dormitory. Die Universität ist immer in einer Stadt; jeder Student wohnt in einem Privathaus. Sie essen in einem Restaurant und sie trinken auch. Die trinken nicht nur Wasser, Kaffee and Tee, sie trinken auch Bier and Wein. Sie essen and trinken and tanzen, aber sie studieren auch.

Der gute Student studiert von selber; er braucht nur eine Chance. Der schlechte Student interessiert uns nicht; er fällt beim Exam durch. Die Universität ist für die Elite, nicht für die Masse. So, am Ende des Semesters hat der Student kein Examen! Das Semester geht zu Ende ohne Examen; zwei, drei Jahre gehen zu Ende - ohne Examen. Das Examen kommt oft erst am Ende des ganzen Studiums, nach vier oder fünf Jahren.

## Three Sisters of Dominican Order Register at B.C.C.

Three Dominican Sisters - Sr. Mary Juliana, Sr. Margaret Clare, and Sr. Robert Martin - are now attending the Bronx Community College with the intention of obtaining their degrees in nursing upon completion of the two-year program.

The sisters belong to the order of the Dominican Sisters of the Sick Poor, and reside at the 170 East 210 Street Convent in the Bronx. As the name indicates, the order is engaged in the care of the sick and the poor. They do this by taking nursing care and medical assistance to the sick in their own homes, and, of course, they accept no remuneration for the services they perform so willingly.

### Best Possible Care

The community commemorated the Golden Jubilee of its religious foundation in September of last year. One of the desires of Mother Mary Walsh, who founded the order, was for all the Sisters to be adequately trained in the field of nursing, so that the patients would receive the best possible care. To achieve this goal, other Sisters have, in the past, attended schools of nursing which had baccalaureate programs. With the inclusion of the new nursing program at Bronx Community College, the Sisters will now be able to receive their nursing degrees in two years instead of the usual four. This attenuation will mean much to the patients who rely upon the Sisters for care and to the community to which the Sisters belong.

The three Sisters in attendance here are pioneers, not only because they are charter members of the B.C.C. program, but also because this is the first time that any of the Sisters of the community has attended a two-year nursing program.

### States Well-Represented

Sr. M. Juliana is a native of New York and a recent graduate of Westchester Community College. Sr. M. Clare is from Cincinnati, and Sr. R. Martin comes to us from Denver. She has also attended Maryknoll College here in New York. The three pioneers have easily adjusted to college life in the Bronx, and can be found any day wending their way from the main building to the "Y" with bright smiles. They are

delighted with the many benefits our program affords them, and hope there will be many other Sisters to follow in their footsteps here.

### Student Council

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Robert LoDolce, John Rider; Chemical Technology - Elias Silberstein; Leonard Fagin; Electrical Technology - F. Luludis, A. Marittato, Arnold Ferolito, John Kesecki; Medical Laboratory Technology - Rita Frankel, Joan Coughlin, Catherine Van Ardoy; Nursing - Jeanette Fuchs.

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## Wrestling Squadmen Hold High Hopes for '62 NJCAA

by Barbara Kostroff

Bronx Community College's mat team entered the second National Junior College Athletic Association Tournament on March 3 and 4, held at Farmingdale, N.Y., in the Long Island Aggies' gymnasium.

B.C.C. entered its top seven men in the Tournament. Students wrestling at the NJCAA Tournament were: John Carfagno, 147; Robert Stahl, 157; Fred Wiethop, 167; Barry Kuperman, 177; and Charles Matuzas, 191.

Al Siegel, 123, because of an injury was unable to wrestle, but accompanied the team as manager. Mike Dacker, 157, also injured, was unable to attend.

Accompanying the team to Farmingdale was Coach Michael Steuerman and Professor Marvin Hirschfeld.

While the results were most disappointing - 4 of our men were pinned by their opponents and 1 lost by decision - Coach Steuerman and the team feel the experience gained was invaluable.

Our men have held their own in various scrimmages and with a little more experience should pose a threat to all comers.

In the scrimmage against Hunter's varsity wrestlers, B.C.C. posted 6 pins, 1 decision and 1 tie; against City College, 2 pins and 1 decision; against Nassau Community College, 2 pins; against N.Y.U., 3 pins.

### New Members

New members of the team are Roger Hudson and Mickey Boyle, 137; Leon Kaminsky, 177; and Robert Smith, heavyweight.

Coach Steuerman indicates that if there are any men interested in becoming members of the wrestling team, they should see him any day after 3 in the "Y" annex. Men of all weight classes are welcome.



J.F.K.'s NEW SUPREME COURT? They may be young, but our wrestling learn members have high aspirations. Top row, left to right: Fred Wiethop, Francis Boyle, Phil Carter, Charles Matuzas; bottom row, left to right: John Carfagno, Alan Siegel, Coach Michael Steuerman, Roger Hudson, Barry Kuperman.

## Calling All Palmerites! A Chance to Wield The Mighty Pen Is at Hand

In the next issue of the Communicator, the editors are planning to initiate a Letters-to-the-Editor column, by means of which those of you not on the staff may voice your opinions on a variety of subjects to a wider audience than you now reach.

The Editor will be pleased to receive letters from both students and staff members concerning any college matter on which they wish to discourse. We make only the following stipulations: we do not guarantee to publish every letter we receive, we reserve the right to edit material to the extent that such editing in no way alters the intent of the author, and we shall not publish any unsigned letters, although names may be withheld upon request. Put your letter in Dr. Reynolds' mail box; he will pass it on to the Editor.

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## Ripley Loses Out, Believe li Or Not

by **Steven Holt**

Mr. Benjamin Cutler (he dislikes Ben) is an instructor at Bronx Community College in the Business and Commerce Department.

He is married, has one son (7 1/2 years old), and lives in Bayside, Long Island, which means he has a 2-hour trip to school every day. (And that's only one way, fellows!)

He's the man who's always on the phone, setting up a guest speaker for one of his classes or



**WOOF OR WARP? Mr. Fred Allen, second from right, shows Mr. Benjamin Cutler, Dr. Bernard Corbman, and Prof. Marvin Hirschfeld the finer points of tailoring in men's jackets.**

making plans for a field trip to some such place as Cross County Shopping Center (with free lunch thrown in).

### All Work, No Play

He maintains that he is so busy with his teaching that he has no time for hobbies. (With all the things I've done in his class, you can believe him!)

Mr. Cutler attended the Evening Session at City College for 6 years where he received an A.A.S. degree in Advertising and Retailing, the Evening Session of N.Y.U. where he received a diploma in Business Administration, and Adelphi College where he received his Bachelor of Science degree. He still attends N.Y.U. in the evenings and is working towards his masters degree and eventually hopes to get his doctorate.

### Practical Experience

He worked for National Bellas Hess stores as an assistant buyer and merchandiser for 5 1/2 years, and then went to work for Ripley Clothes for 8 years as an administrator and manager. When asked why he then became a college instructor, Mr. Cutler replied, "I have always wanted to work with young men and women interested in the business field. I think that the community college has a definite place in the community and in the business world. The business department in such schools is quite important, and I would stack many of our students against those in the four-year colleges. (Not on plain pipe racks, we hope.) With our training, a student will be able to enter most businesses as a junior executive." No room at the top, eh?

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## Physics Department Chairman Professes, Publishes, Paints

Dr. Alexander Joseph, Head of the Department of Mathematics and Physics at Bronx Community College, is second to none in the distribution of scientific literature. Dr. Joseph's latest article, in pamphlet form, *Physics and Petroleum*, came rolling off the presses recently in a staggering quantity - one million copies! He has also had published this year *Rockets into Space*, and *Atomic Energy*, and has co-authored still another volume, *Physics*. Dr. Joseph is also a contributing editor to the new Harper's *Encyclopedia of Science*, and is author and consultant in the production of the "Educational Service Incorporated Physics-Films-Physical Science Study Committee Series" and the *Electric Lines of Force*.

In his spare time (!) Dr. Joseph is an extremely competent amateur painter and was well-represented in the recent Faculty Show at the college.

## Bruce Brenner, B.C.C. Business Major, College Bellwether (Consult O.E.P.)

(The editors feel that the following profile in courage can best be told, though far too modestly, in Bruce's own words.)

In 1952 while attending Champlain University as a freshman, I was overcome by a paralysis which affected my entire body and my voice. After much treatment and physical rehabilitation, I reached a level of attainment whereby I was able to again begin thinking of my future. In 1954 I entered the Institute for the Crippled and Disabled for an evaluation of my physical and vocational abilities and disabilities.

That same year I was placed in the Institute's program of intensive physical and vocational training. I began an Office Practice course, complemented by a home program which consisted of starting a small mail-order business in the retail sale of movie stars' photographs, stationery, etc. With the skills I was then acquiring at the Institute and much parental assistance, I was fortunate enough to recognize an increase in my business. In 1956 my stockroom and I moved out of the house, and into a small shop. During the next few years I underwent numerous operations on my legs, which enabled me to remain on my feet for a longer period of time with more security. At this time the Physical Rehabilitation Director of Harkness Pavilion, Columbia Medical Center, Dr. Snow, became interested in me, and was constantly speaking of the merits of a college education. It was Dr. Snow's insistence and my parents' willing consent which caused me to look for a college near my home in the Bronx.

### New College Plans

While talking to some of my friends, I learned of a college that was planning to open in 1959. I immediately informed the Institute of my desire to return to college, and they helped me to gather my scholastic records and plan an academic review which would prepare me for my entrance exam. I applied to Bronx Community College, and was called for an interview with Dean Tauber. During a very informal interview I was told that my entrance examination was acceptable and that I would be allowed to participate in a limited academic program.

My first few months were rather difficult, but they were made easier by the willing cooperation of the faculty of Bronx Community College, and particularly the three instructors in whose classes I was a student: Dr. McKenna, Dr. Mullin, and Mr. D'Andrea. Through their inspiration I was encouraged to apply myself and by the mid-term I was able to claim A averages in all but mathematics.

During the second half of the term I was advised by Dr. Mullin to continue my efforts to rebuild my mathematical background. By June, with the help of my classmates and Dr. Mullin, I was able to achieve a final grade of B in mathematics, while maintaining my A grades in History and Spanish.

### Productive Future

I have been and am now taking speech therapy each week with Professor Reynolds of the English and Speech Department. I feel that this integrated program of academic subjects, speech therapy, physical treatment (I attend the Institute once a week for this treatment) and a restricted participation in my mail-order business will prepare me for a productive future. [Editor's Note: Bruce, incidentally has been a consistent Dean's List student.]

## "OUTLOOK" Looks at Current Events

The college has a new student group, Outlook, which is set up not as a club but as a discussion forum. The students and the faculty advisors, Mrs. Sallie Sypher and Miss Joan Sedgwick, began meeting two semesters ago, but with the present two-building situation, it became difficult to have regular meetings until this semester.

Outlook meets every Friday in room 307 from 12-1, in the main building. Each week there is an open and often heated discussion about some vital topic, usually in the field of current events.

Recently, the members and guests of Outlook have discussed the forthcoming Eichmann trial, the admittance of Red China to the United Nations, and President Kennedy's legislative program. Planned for the future is a forum on Medical Care for the Aged Under Social Security. A representative from the American Medical Association will attend and express the doctors' view of the subject.

Everyone is invited to attend Outlook meetings; the bulletin board in the entrance will be posted with the weekly topic.

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## Doctoral Dissertations Delve Deeply

Among the faculty of Bronx Community College are men and women who are busy not only teaching classes but also are deep in research for graduate theses. Of particular interest is the subject matter chosen by each. The range is wide and rich; there are some fascinating topics among them.

Mrs. Sallie Sypher of the Social Studies Department is writing a life of Mary of Guise, Dowager of Scotland, 1532-1560. James Cheetham is the subject of Miss Joan Sedgwick's doctoral thesis. Cheetham was an nineteenth century New York City newspaper editor who was a contemporary of Alexander Hamilton, Aaron Burr, and Thomas Jefferson. Professor Marcia Allentuck of the English and Speech Department has chosen as the title of her thesis, "The Aesthetic Doctrines of Henry Fuseli, R.A." This will be an intensive study of the shift of British aesthetic theory from classicism to romanticism during the period 1765-1825 as shown in the works of Fuseli.

### Marriage as a Theme

Mr. Peter Caffrey of the English and Speech Department has chosen the interesting topic, "Marriage as a Theme in the Novels of Sinclair Lewis." Miss Suzanne Henig of the same department plans to trace the Arcadian concept from Vergil through the Renaissance and into modern times. Her thesis will be titled "The Li-

terary Genesis of Arcadia."

Professor Martin May of the Business and Commerce Department is writing "An Economic History of New York State." Mr. John A. Casais of Social Studies has chosen to delve deeply into the history of the Federalist Party in Massachusetts. He will call his work "The Rich and the Well-Born." The history of higher education in New York City and New York State between 1830 and 1958 is the subject of intensive research by Mr. Paul Rosenfeld of the Evening Session.

### Speech and Drama

Professor Walter Duncan is doing his research in the fields of "English and Speech in the Colleges in New York City." Professor Thelma Spaulding's nearly finished thesis is entitled "The Group Theatre as it Reflected Contemporary Problems." Mrs. Karen DuBin is also adding more knowledge to the same general area. Her study is called "The History of the Forms of Dramatic Expression in the Adult Program of the Riverside Church."

Professor Milton Doroshkin of the Social Studies Department is working on "The Yiddish Cultural Factor in the American Jewish Community." This study includes a socio-historical analysis of the factors which have determined the predominance of the Eastern European Jewish culture in the community of American Jews.



**HOUSEPLANS HAVE A HEART. Shown above are two young orphans adopted by B.C.C. houseplans. On the left is Electra Phi's Cheung Wai Hong; on the right is Sigma Epsilon Xi's Kwi Ok Kang.**



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## In Memoriam

The untimely death of Professor Lewis Carlan, Department of Electrical and Mechanical Technology, is an immeasurable loss to his family, his colleagues and his students. A dependable, warm human being, an enthusiastic and dedicated teacher, he will be most sorely missed and long remembered.

It is fitting that the college has established a living memorial in his name: an annual award to the outstanding senior in Electrical Technology to be granted at Commencement. Professor Carlan's friends can help to perpetuate his memory by sending their donations for the award fund to Professor Neil McLaughlin.

## Let's Get With It

(EDITOR'S NOTE: In place of our usual spate of editorials, we decided to print, slightly abridged, the following admonition, written by Miss Francine Langfuss, student in Business and Commerce.)

The trouble with students today is that they are failing to prepare themselves properly for taking over the tasks of their predecessors. Of course, there are exceptions, but not many.

### Poor Learning Habits

Our faulty methods of learning can be divided into three categories: repetition, absence of curiosity, and the desire for good grades.

Take, for example, repetition. In the classroom, students take down notes. Whatever the instructor says, they write down. The instructor gives a test and the students parrot back everything they wrote (providing they had memorized it).

No one seems to think about what the professor has said; no one has celebrated enough to be able to express his own views on the subject.

### Stimulus to Learning

Curiosity is supposed to be the stimulus to learning; it is definitely lacking in the classroom. In a physiology class, the teacher asked the students to look at a certain slide in their individual microscopes. Everyone looked and all the heads nodded, creating quite a breeze in the back of the classroom. At the end of the period, I happened to glance at one person's notes. This girl had the most detailed, labeled diagram of that slide! "Did you really see all that?" I asked her. "No," she replied, "I copied it out of the book. You see, I couldn't focus my microscope."

This girl had no curiosity whatsoever. She just wasn't interested enough to focus that microscope, and were it not for the fact that we were required to know that particular diagram for the next examination, she would never have copied it.

The desire for good grades is perhaps the biggest problem. Students, most of them, will go to any extent for a good grade. Some will even go so far as to engage in dishonest practices. That, however, is a problem in itself.

### Thinking Man's Degree

Those who study for tests, study only facts. They fail to reason or think these facts through. They play a sort of guessing game. They ask one another, "What is that joker going to ask us next?" Studying is for high grades, not for learning. The reason students do not learn when they study is that they tend to memorize certain things; then they forget them as soon as they no longer have to know them for a test. Many students are in college to obtain degrees so that they will be able to get better jobs and earn higher salaries. This philosophy is not completely indefensible; however, many of them believe that the piece of paper awarded to them at commencement exercises is going to do their thinking for them in their careers or in the business world!

These students had better "wise-up" quickly, before it is too late. If this trend persists, in the future, when our present students are the teachers, doctors, and businessmen, we will have the classic example of the blind leading the blind.

## Annette Goldenberg Award Memorial Fund Supported; Exceeds Goal of \$1,000

Mr. Paul Rosenfeld, chairman of the Annette Goldenberg Fund, recently announced that the fund had exceeded its goal of \$1,000. As of March, the total included in the fund was \$1,027. Mr. Rosenfeld and the entire award fund committee would like to take this occasion to thank all those who contributed money and time to this worthy cause.

## Noted Music Prof. Scores Hit

Dr. Marvin Salzberg, Department of Fine Arts, and his collaborator, Mr. Gil Perlroth, have composed the newly adopted Bronx Community College Alma Mater. Dr. Salzberg, who conducts classes in Music at the college, provided the music, and Mr. Perlroth wrote the lyrics. For those of you who wish to exercise either piano technique or vocal cords (or both), we take much pleasure in reproducing the illustrious "Gold and Green."

(Reprint below)

GOLD AND GREEN

Music: MARVIN SALZBERG  
Words: GIL PERLROTH

Stand we here with voi-ces raised  
In the years that lie a-head  
to our Al-ma-ter,  
we will come na-Me-ther;  
You a-lone de-serve the praise for  
joined in all that's right and good with  
know-ledge gained in and count-less ways. Your  
faith in God and bro-ther-hood. Our  
spi-rit proud will is al-ways be our  
lo-ya-l-ty is e-ver bound to  
guide These a-where ter-nal-ly found.  
Gold and Green Gold and Green we  
pledge our-selves a-new.  
Gold and Green Gold and Green with  
ho-nor we'll be true.

## Student Council Holds Elections

On March 14, 15 and 16, the student body elected officers and representatives to serve on the Student Council.

Elected as President was Carey Broslovsky; Vice-President, Stanley Klein; Treasurer, Arthur Landes. Representatives are: Liberal Arts — Murray Levine, Hattie Sussman, Bernard Carbin, Tom Pabon, William Viggiano; Mechanical Technology — Norman Silberberg; Business and Commerce — Karen Feder, Louis Liguori, Thomas Collins, Marlene Mennis, Dorothea Bailer, Shirley Spectorow; Pre-Engineering —

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## Boys' Group Donates Funds

Dr. Morris Meister, President of Bronx Community College, recently announced a Nursing Scholarship Program, supported by the Grand Street Boys' Foundation. At its February 20 meeting, the Board of Higher Education formally approved the grants, transmitted by Judge Jonah J. Goldstein, President of the Foundation.

The \$5,000 in scholarships will be used to defray, in varying degrees according to student need, such costs as tuition, student activity fees, laboratory fees, textbooks, uniforms, diploma fees, licensing exam fees, etc.

## Library Machine Shrinks All

### "Heads" Included

What is that mysterious gray machine that sits so quietly in the Library? Is it a gadget for contacting community colleges in outer space? Is it an extra-sensory device for previewing next year's finals? No; it is a micro-film reader. What is a micro-film reader, do you ask? A reader for micro-film, we answer. Micro-film is a means of reducing to a small fraction of its original bulk any type of written or printed material. The number of books, periodicals and newspapers has now

increased to the point where it is impossible for a large research library to find space for its collections. Micro-film provides one solution to this problem. It was developed by industrial engineers in an effort to free large business corporations from the enormous bulk of correspondence files and other records which they were obliged to maintain. By this method, the material is photographed and then discarded; while it is reproduced on film it is at the same time reduced many times in size to produce a continuous reel of 35 mm. "micro-film" (micro = small; Greek). When it is to be used, the film is placed on a micro-film reader, which is both viewer and enlarger. The film is projected on to the screen and the frames are enlarged sufficiently so that the material may be easily read.

### Incalculable Value

Micro-film is much more than a space saver; it is also used to preserve rare and expensive books and manuscripts. In many cases, the student can use the microfilm copy rather than the valuable original, thus avoiding any possibility of damage. Micro-film reproduction also has the advantage of making available to a wide range of readers a unique manuscript, the original of which may be in some remote corner of the world, of making possible the comparison of two books that belong to widely separated collections. The value of micro-film to serious research scholars is incalculable.

But let us come back to the Bronx Community College. Faculty members do use our reader for their own advanced research, but more usually it is used by students for reading back issues of the New York Times. At the moment, the only micro-film that belongs to the Library are reels of the Times from January 1, 1960. Students have quickly learned that the film is far easier to handle than huge mounds of the original newspaper. Ten days of the Times, which would otherwise produce a 12"x15" pile at least a foot high (assuming the inclusion of one hefty Sunday paper), is now contained on a reel 3 3/8" in diameter. Obviously, the eye strain is considerably less.